



BENTON RIDGE TELEPHONE COMPANY

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October 17, 2013

Via ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WC Docket No. 10-90, WC Docket 11-42
FCC Form 481 – Carrier Annual Reporting
Study Area Code 300590

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Attached is the FCC Form 481 for Benton Ridge Telephone Company. The Form 481 has also been submitted to USAC and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 419-859-2144 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Martin L. Ellerbrock
Office Manager

Attachment

**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting
Data Collection Form**

FCC Form 481
OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
July 2013

<010> Study Area Code	300590
<015> Study Area Name	BENTON RIDGE TEL CO
<020> Program Year	2014
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<035> Contact Telephone Number: Number of the person identified in data line <030>	419-859-2144
<039> Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030>	martin@watchtv.net

ANNUAL REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS			54.313 Completion Required	54.422 Completion Required
(check box when complete)				
<100> Service Quality Improvement Reporting	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<200> Outage Reporting (voice)	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<210> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <-- check box if no outages to report				
<300> Unfulfilled Service Requests (voice)	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<310> Detail on Attempts (voice)	(attach descriptive document)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<330> Detail on Attempts (broadband)	(attach descriptive document)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<410> Fixed	<input type="text" value="0.0"/>			
<420> Mobile				
<430> Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers (broadband)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<440> Fixed				
<450> Mobile				
<500> Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<510> <input type="text" value="300590oh510"/>	(attached descriptive document)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<600> Functionality in Emergency Situations	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<610> <input type="text" value="300590oh610"/>	(attached descriptive document)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<700> Company Price Offerings (voice)	(complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<710> Company Price Offerings (broadband)	(complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<800> Operating Companies and Affiliates	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<900> Tribal Land Offerings (Y/N)? <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>	(if yes, complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<1000> Voice Services Rate Comparability	(check to indicate certification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<1010> <input type="text"/>	(attach descriptive document)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<1100> Terrestrial Backhaul (Y/N)? <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	(if not, check to indicate certification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<1110>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<1200> Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers	(complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Price Cap Carriers, Proceed to Price Cap Additional Documentation Worksheet

Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

<2000>	(check to indicate certification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2005>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Rate of Return Carriers, Proceed to ROR Additional Documentation Worksheet

<3000>	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<3005>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting
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<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?	(yes / no) <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>
<111>	If your answer to line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5 year plan" filed with the FCC?	(yes / no) <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
<112>	If your answer to line <111> is yes, then you are required to file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.	
<113>	Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.	
<114>	Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to § 54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.	
<113>	Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets	<input type="checkbox"/>
<114>	Report how much universal service (USF) support was received	<input type="checkbox"/>
<115>	How (USF) was used to improve service quality	<input type="checkbox"/>
<116>	How (USF) was used to improve service coverage	<input type="checkbox"/>
<117>	How (USF) was used to improve service capacity	<input type="checkbox"/>
<118>	Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Name of Attached Document (.pdf)

Study Area Code	Study Area Name	Study Area Description	Study Area Type	Study Area Status
<010>				

<015> Study Area Name	BENTON RIDGE TEL CO

$\langle 020 \rangle$	Program Year
	2014

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<701>	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date	1/1/2013
<702>	Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge	

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300590

Study Area Name
<015>

BENTON RIDGE TEL CO

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Martin L. Ellerbrock

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<810>	Reporting Carrier	Benton Ridge Telephone Company
<811>	Holding Company	Benton Ridge Telephone Company
<812>	Operating Company	Benton Ridge Telephone Company

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(900) Tribal Lands Reporting
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<910>	Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves	

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached PDF, on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

<921>	Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions;	Select (Yes, No, NA)
<922>	Feasibility and sustainability planning;	
<923>	Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;	
<924>	Compliance with Rights of way processes	
<925>	Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements	
<926>	Compliance with Facilities Siting rules	
<927>	Compliance with Environmental Review processes	
<928>	Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes	
<929>	Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.	

Name of Attached Document (.pdf)

**(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting
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<1120> Please check this box to confirm no terrestrial backhaul
options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G)

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<1130> Please check this box to confirm the reporting carrier offers
broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps
upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G)

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**(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers
Lifeline
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<1210>	Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans	300590oh1210
		Name of attached document (.pdf)

<1220>	Link to Public Website	HTTP _____
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"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

<1221>	Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<1222>	Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<1223>	Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation
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Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

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CHECK the boxes below to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental Connect America Phase I support, frozen High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e) the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting		
<2010>	2nd Year Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1))	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2011>	3rd Year Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(2))	<input type="checkbox"/>
Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification (47 CFR § 54.312(a))		
<2012>	2013 Frozen Support Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2013>	2014 Frozen Support Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2014>	2015 Frozen Support Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2015>	2016 and future Frozen Support Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>
Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support (47 CFR § 54.313(d))		
<2016>	Certification Support Used to Build Broadband	<input type="checkbox"/>
Connect America Phase II Reporting (47 CFR § 54.313(e))		
<2017>	3rd year Broadband Service Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2018>	5th year Broadband Service Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2019>	Interim Progress Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2020>	Please check the box to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 2021, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (e)(3)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2021>	Interim Progress Community Anchor Institutions	<input type="checkbox"/>

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3000) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation
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CHECK the boxes below to note compliance on its five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Progress Report on 5 Year Plan

(3010)	Milestone Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)) Please check this box to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3012, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (f)(1)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3011)			
(3012)	Community Anchor Institutions (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii))	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes/No)
(3013)	Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2))		<input type="checkbox"/> (Yes/No)
(3014)	If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires: Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
(3015)			
(3016)	PDF of Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3017)	If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation		
(3018)	If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited? If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains: Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications PDF of Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	<input type="checkbox"/> (Yes/No)
(3019)			<input type="checkbox"/>
(3020)			<input type="checkbox"/>
(3021)	Management letter issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit. If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains: Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers, Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
(3022)			
(3023)	Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3024)	Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3025)	PDF of Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3026)	Attach the worksheet listing required information	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	300590cb3026

Certification - Reporting Carrier Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	BENTON RIDGE TEL CO
Signature of Authorized Officer:	CERTIFIED ONLINE
Date	10/03/2013
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	Ken Williams
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	President/CEO
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	419-859-2144
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	300590
Filing Due Date for this form:	10/15/2013
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

**Certification - Agent / Carrier
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) _____ is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent:	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date:
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	
Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	Date:
Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	
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Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules Compliance

BENTON RIDGE TEL CO

Benton Ridge Telephone Company (“the Company”) complies with the applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules as required by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and the Federal Communications Commission.

Service quality standards for Ohio telephone companies are described in Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4901:1-6, Telephone Company Procedures and Standards. The Company meets or exceeds those standards. The specific rates, terms, and conditions under which the Company operates are outlined in its Basic Local Exchange Service Tariff. The Company's tariff contains provisions regarding billing and payment for service, the classification of business and residential rates, disconnection and cancellation of service. Rates and terms of service are disclosed to customers upon application for service.

The Company complies with the FCC's Customer Proprietary Network Information (“CPNI”) rules. Certification of the Company's CPNI compliance and a description of the Company's operating procedures that ensure compliance are filed annually with the FCC. The Company also complies with the Federal Trade Commission’s Red Flags rules to prevent identity theft. Company manuals for CPNI and Red Flags are provided to staff, and employee training is conducted annually. New hires receive instruction when required by their job functions.

Functionality in Emergency Situations

BENTON RIDGE TEL CO

Benton Ridge Telephone Company (“the Company”) has the ability to remain functional in emergency situations.

The Company has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source. The battery systems at the switching and remote offices will provide forty-eight hours of back-up power. In addition, fixed propane generators will recharge the battery systems indefinitely. The rural nodes have eight-hour battery back-up, and three mobile gasoline generators are used to recharge the nodes’ batteries. Customers with fiber-to-the-home service also have batteries installed in their homes, which provide four-hour back-up.

Interexchange traffic is carried on a fiber ring. Traffic is automatically rerouted around damaged facilities.

The Company serves less than 2,000 voice customers, and there is adequate switching and transport capacity to allow the Company to manage traffic spikes due to emergency situations.

Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

BENTON RIDGE TEL CO

The terms and conditions of the voice plan offered to all customers, including Lifeline customers, are described in Benton Ridge Telephone Company's Ohio Basic Local Exchange Service Tariff. The tariff describes the local and extended area service areas to which customers may make unlimited calls with no additional charges. Since the Company provides a choice of long distance providers rather than long distance services directly, the tariff can't list the rates and charges by long distance providers which are chosen by Lifeline and other customers.

Selected tariff language follows which describes the basic terms and conditions of the voice plan offered to all Lifeline and other customers:

TARIFF DESCRIPTION

This Basic Local Exchange Service (BLES) Tariff applies to residential single-line customers and to the primary access line of business customers.

BLES is provided by Benton Ridge Telephone Company (The "Company" or "Telephone Company") in accordance with Rule 4901:1-6-12, Ohio Administrative Code.

Basic local exchange service, as defined in Section 4927.01, Revised Code, means residential end-user access to, and usage of, telephone-company-provided services over a single line, or small-business-end-user access to and usage of telephone-company-provided services over the business's primary access Line of Service, which in the case of residential and small-business access and usage is not part of a bundle or package of services. BLES enables a customer to originate or receive voice communications within a local service area and consists of the following services:

- (i) Local dial tone service;
- (ii) For residential end users, flat-rate telephone exchange service;
- (iii) Touch tone dialing service;
- (iv) Access to and usage of 9-1-1 services, where such services are available;
- (v) Access to operator services and directory assistance;
- (vi) Provision of a telephone directory in any reasonable format for no additional charge and a listing in that directory, with reasonable accommodations made for private listings;
- (vii) Per call, caller identification blocking services;
- (viii) Access to telecommunications relay service; and
- (ix) Access to toll presubscription, interexchange or toll providers or both, and networks of other telephone companies.

EXCHANGE RATES

BENTON RIDGE EXCHANGE

The rates hereunder entitle subscribers in the Benton Ridge Exchange to make calls, without additional charge, to the Gilboa, Mt. Cory and Pandora exchanges of Orwell Telephone Company and the Findlay Exchange of SBC Ohio.

- A. Within the Base Rate Area, comprising the territory within the corporate limits of the Village of Benton Ridge as said corporate limits existed as of the date of this tariff sheet:

	<u>Business</u>	<u>Monthly Rates</u>		<u>Max.</u> <u>Rate</u>
		<u>Max.</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>Residence</u>	
Individual access line, each	\$29.20	\$29.20	\$16.30	\$16.30

- B. Outside the Benton Ridge Exchange Base Rate Area, the following rates apply:

Individual access line, each	\$29.20	\$29.20	\$16.30	\$16.30
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Individual line business service will be furnished at the rates specified above plus a monthly mileage charge of 75 cents for each quarter mile or fraction thereof, air line measurement, between Base Rate Area boundary and the subscriber's location.

NORTH CREEK EXCHANGE

The rates hereunder entitle subscribers in the North Creek Exchange to make calls, without additional charge, to the Continental and Miller City exchanges of the Continental Telephone Company; the New Bavaria Exchange of Benton Ridge Telephone Company and the Leipsic exchange of Orwell Telephone Company.

- A. Within the Base Rate Area, comprising the town plat of the unincorporated Village of North Creek as said town plat existed as of the date of this tariff sheet:

	<u>Business</u>	<u>Monthly Rates</u>		<u>Max.</u> <u>Rate</u>
		<u>Max.</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>Residence</u>	
Individual access line, each	\$29.20	\$29.20	\$16.30	\$16.30

- B. Outside the North Creek Exchange Base Rate Area, the following rates apply:

	<u>Business</u>	<u>Monthly Rates</u>		<u>Max.</u> <u>Rate</u>
		<u>Max.</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>Residence</u>	
Individual access line, each	\$29.20	\$29.20	\$16.30	\$16.30

Individual line business service will be furnished at the rates specified above plus a monthly mileage charge of 75 cents for each quarter mile or fraction thereof, air line measurement, between Base Rate Area boundary and subscriber's location.

NEW BAVARIA EXCHANGE

The rates hereunder entitle subscribers in the New Bavaria Exchange to make calls, without additional charge, to the Ayersville Exchange of Ayersville Telephone Company; the Miller City Exchange of Continental Telephone Company; the North Creek Exchange of Benton

Ridge Telephone Company; and the Hamler and Holgate exchanges of United Telephone Company dba Sprint.

- A. Within the Base Rate Area, comprising the territory within the corporate limits of the date of this tariff sheet:

	<u>Business</u>	<u>Monthly Rates</u>		<u>Max.</u> <u>Rate</u>
		<u>Max.</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>Residence</u>	
Individual access line, each	\$29.20	\$29.20	\$16.30	\$16.30

- B. Outside the New Bavaria Base Rate Area, the following rates apply:

	<u>Business</u>	<u>Monthly Rates</u>		<u>Max.</u> <u>Rate</u>
		<u>Max.</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>Residence</u>	
Individual access line, each	\$29.20	\$29.20	\$16.30	\$16.30

Individual line business service will be furnished at the rates specified above plus a monthly mileage charge of 75 cents for each quarter mile or fraction thereof, air line measurement, between Base Rate Area Boundary and the subscriber's location.

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES, RATES AND CHARGES

- A. PER CALL BLOCKING

Enables customers to prevent the disclosure of their telephone number on a per call basis to the called party. The disclosure of the calling party's number can be prevented on a per call basis by dialing a preassigned access code before making a call. This action must be repeated each time a call is made to prevent the disclosure of the calling party's telephone number. If the called party has a display device, a privacy indication will appear instead of the calling party's telephone number. Per Call Blocking will be provided on a universal basis to all eligible customers at no charge. To activate, dial *67 from a touch-tone phone or 1167 from a rotary dial phone.

- B. The following charges shall apply for customer initiated services on a non-recurring basis:

<u>Service Connection Charges</u>	<u>Business</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Service Order	\$10.00	\$7.00
Central Office	12.00	10.00
Visitation	10.00 *	8.00 *
Restoral of Service	14.00 **	12.00 **
Move (off premise)	27.00 **	25.00 **

Customer-Owned Equipment Test Charge: Applicable when, at the subscriber's request, a visit is made to the subscriber's premises and subscriber-provided terminal equipment is identified by the Company as having caused the trouble and is in need of repair. The Company does not provide repair services for subscriber-provided terminal equipment: \$30.00 (Business and Residence)

* Plus a loaded labor wage rate to be billed at \$6.00 for each quarter hour, plus Service Order and Central Office charges, plus material.

** Rate listed is in addition to Service Order and Central Office charges.

C. TOUCH TONE

Touch Tone service is included in the monthly local exchange rates for subscribers with touch tone service as of November 1, 2012.

Customers with rotary dial service as of November 1, 2012, will be grandfathered and their monthly access line rate will not change. However, any subsequent change to service, or disconnection followed by reconnection, will result in the loss of the grandfathering exception and will require that the customer to upgrade to touch tone service. Customers may upgrade from rotary dial service to touch tone service at no additional service charge.

D. TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICES (TRS)

Customers may be assessed a monthly charge per line to fund the Telecommunications Relay Services for the State of Ohio in accordance with section 4905.84 of the Revised Code. This charge shall in no event exceed the per end user line (or equivalent) assessment of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio levied upon the Company.

E. DELAYED PAYMENT

Applicable if payment for all charges for service is not made on or before 20 days after the billing date
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LIFELINE REOUIREMENTS

The Company shall provide Lifeline service as defined in 47 C.F.R. § 54.401 (a) on a non-discriminatory basis to all qualifying low-income customers. The Company's Lifeline service offering shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws, including, but not limited to, 47 C.F.R. Part 54, Subpart E; the FCC's Lifeline reform order (Report and Order released February 6, 2012, WC Docket No. 11-42, et. al) and any subsequent clarifying orders; Section 4927.13, Revised Code; Rule 490 I: 1-6-19, Ohio Administrative Code; and, the Commission's nontraditional Lifeline service order (Finding and Order adopted May 23, 2012, Case No. 10-2377-TP-COI) and any subsequent entries and/or orders.



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Officer Certification of Financial Statements

I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier. My responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of financial reporting. I hereby certify that Benton Ridge Telephone Company was not separately audited in the ordinary course of business in the preceding fiscal year and the attached financial information is in accordance with the accounts and other records of our system and to the best of my knowledge and belief the information reported is accurate. I also certify that the underlying information has been subjected to review by an independent certified public accountant.

Ken Williams
Signature

10/2/13
Date

Ken Williams

President/CEO

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CERTIFICATION			
We hereby certify that the entries in this report are in accordance with the accounts and other records of the system and reflect the status of the system to the best of our knowledge and belief.			
/s/ Ken Williams		10/2/2013	
Signature		Date	

PART A. BALANCE SHEET					
ASSETS		BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD	LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	
				BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD
CURRENT ASSETS					
1.	Cash and Equivalents	605602	443344	25.	Accounts Payable
2.	Cash-RUS Construction Fund	60100	934640	26.	Notes Payable
3.	Affiliates:			27.	Advance Billings and Payments
a.	Telecom, Accounts Receivable			28.	Customer Deposits
b.	Other Accounts Receivable			29.	Current Mat. L/T Debt
c.	Notes Receivable			30.	Current Mat. L/T Debt-Rur. Dev.
4.	Non-Affiliates:			31.	Current Mat.-Capital Leases
a.	Telecom, Accounts Receivable	81546	88584	32.	Income Taxes Accrued
b.	Other Accounts Receivable	669954	856124	33.	Other Taxes Accrued
c.	Notes Receivable			34.	Other Current Liabilities
5.	Interest and Dividends Receivable	500	833	35.	Total Current Liabilities (25 thru 34)
6.	Material-Regulated	190580	123608	LONG-TERM DEBT	
7.	Material-Nonregulated			36.	Funded Debt-RUS Notes
8.	Prepayments	1063310	172575	37.	Funded Debt-RTB Notes
9.	Other Current Assets	204383	132086	38.	Funded Debt-FFB Notes
10.	Total Current Assets (1 Thru 9)	2875975	2751794	39.	Funded Debt-Other
				40.	Funded Debt-Rural Develop. Loan
NONCURRENT ASSETS					
11.	Investment in Affiliated Companies			41.	Premium (Discount) on L/T Debt
a.	Rural Development			42.	Reacquired Debt
b.	Nonrural Development	8357149	10282056	43.	Obligations Under Capital Lease
12.	Other Investments			44.	Adv. From Affiliated Companies
a.	Rural Development			45.	Other Long-Term Debt
b.	Nonrural Development	895104	865129	46.	Total Long-Term Debt (36 thru 45)
13.	Nonregulated Investments		14077	OTHER LIAB. & DEF. CREDITS	
14.	Other Noncurrent Assets	1000	1000	47.	Other Long-Term Liabilities
15.	Deferred Charges	100439	91600	48.	Other Deferred Credits
16.	Jurisdictional Differences			49.	Other Jurisdictional Differences
17.	Total Noncurrent Assets (11 thru 16)	9353692	11253862	50.	Total Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits (47 thru 49)
				EQUITY	
PLANT, PROPERTY, AND EQUIPMENT					
18.	Telecom, Plant-in-Service	5399806	5573006	51.	Cap. Stock Outstanding & Subscribed
19.	Property Held for Future Use			52.	Additional Paid-in-Capital
20.	Plant Under Construction	1504	124751	53.	Treasury Stock
21.	Plant Adj., Nonop. Plant & Goodwill			54.	Membership and Cap. Certificates
22.	Less Accumulated Depreciation	-2997741	-3192564	55.	Other Capital
23.	Net Plant (18 thru 21 less 22)	2403569	2505193	56.	Patronage Capital Credits
				57.	Retained Earnings or Margins
24.	TOTAL ASSETS (10+17+23)	14633236	16510849	58.	Total Equity (51 thru 57)
				59.	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (35+46+50+58)

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PART B. STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS OR MARGINS		
ITEM	PRIOR YEAR	THIS YEAR
1. Local Network Services Revenues	204797	196765
2. Network Access Services Revenues	870512	793796
3. Long Distance Network Services Revenues	37616	34037
4. Carrier Billing and Collection Revenues		
5. Miscellaneous Revenues	126800	110391
6. Uncollectible Revenues	13301	10955
7. Net Operating Revenues (1 thru 5 less 6)	1226424	1124034
8. Plant Specific Operations Expense	218704	258884
9. Plant Nonspecific Operations Expense (Excluding Depreciation & Amortization)	193517	171017
10. Depreciation Expense	224482	210081
11. Amortization Expense	8069	4640
12. Customer Operations Expense	87729	95546
13. Corporate Operations Expense	367362	480478
14. Total Operating Expenses (8 thru 13)	1099863	1220646
15. Operating Income or Margins (7 less 14)	126561	-96612
16. Other Operating Income and Expenses		
17. State and Local Taxes		
18. Federal Income Taxes	38733	-36414
19. Other Taxes	6969	6343
20. Total Operating Taxes (17+18+19)	45702	-30071
21. Net Operating Income or Margins (15+16-20)	80859	-66541
22. Interest on Funded Debt	4643	19588
23. Interest Expense - Capital Leases		
24. Other Interest Expense		
25. Allowance for Funds Used During Construction		
26. Total Fixed Charges (22+23+24-25)	4643	19588
27. Nonoperating Net Income	719	-7406
28. Extraordinary Items		-7676
29. Jurisdictional Differences		
30. Nonregulated Net Income	133291	106369
31. Total Net Income or margins (21+27+28+29+30-26)	210226	5158
32. Total Taxes Based on Income	-38733	36414
33. Retained Earnings or Margins Beginning-of-Year	12602792	12590018
34. Miscellaneous Credits Year-to-Date		
35. Dividends Declared (Common)	223000	234150
36. Dividends Declared (Preferred)		
37. Other Debits Year-to-Date		
38. Transfers to Patronage Capital		
39. Retained Earnings or Margins end-of-Period [(31+33+34)-(35+36+37+38)]	12590018	12361026
40. Patronage Capital Beginning-of-Year		
41. Transfers to Patronage Capital		
42. Patronage Capital Credits Retired		
43. Patronage Capital End-of-Year (40+41-42)	0	0
44. Annual Debt Service Payments	33478	47419
45. Cash Ratio [(14+20-10-11)/7]	130431	139408
46. Operating Accrual Ratio [(14+20+26)/7]	164315	172880
47. TIER [(31+26)/26]	46	1
48. DSCR [(31+26+10+11)/44]	10169	5442

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PART C. STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS			
1.	Beginning Cash (Cash and Equivalents plus RUS Construction Fund)		665702
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
2.	Net Income		5158
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities			
3.	Add: Depreciation		210081
4.	Add: Amortization		4640
5.	Other (Explain)	10,715 Deferred Taxes + 758 Nonregulated Depreciation	11473
Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities			
6.	Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts Receivable		-193541
7.	Decrease/(Increase) in Materials and Inventory		66972
8.	Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments and Deferred Charges		890735
9.	Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Assets		
10.	Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable		-71856
11.	Increase/(Decrease) in Advance Billings & Payments		
12.	Increase/(Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities		-45103
13.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operations		878559
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
14.	Decrease/(Increase) in Notes Receivable		
15.	Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable		-13891
16.	Increase/(Decrease) in Customer Deposits		100
17.	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Debt (Including Current Maturities)		2328912
18.	Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities & Deferred Credits		
19.	Increase/(Decrease) in Capital Stock, Paid-in Capital, Membership and Capital Certificates & Other Capital		
20.	Less: Payment of Dividends		-234150
21.	Less: Patronage Capital Credits Retired		
22.	Other (Explain)	Repayments of Notes to Affiliates	-1924907
23.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Financing Activities		156064
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
24.	Net Capital Expenditures (Property, Plant & Equipment)		-322341
25.	Other Long-Term Investments		
26.	Other Noncurrent Assets & Jurisdictional Differences		
27.	Other (Explain)		
28.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Investing Activities		-322341
29.	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash		712282
30.	Ending Cash		1377984